

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Citizens' Task Force

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Butcher, Lola	1361 E. Catalpa St. Springfield, MO 65804	417-379-3913	lola@lolabutcher.com	Self-employed as a health policy writer. Holds a B.A. in Journalism from UMC, an M.A. in English and M.A. in Public Administration from UMKC. Currently serves as Board Member for Minorities in Business, Executive Committee Member of NAACP Springfield Branch, and Co-founder and Committee Member of Center for Diversity.
Doennig, Randall	1720 S. Kimbrough Ave. Springfield, MO 65807	417-881-1931	ROD62@aol.com	Owner of Meridian Title Company. Holds a B.S. in Business Administration from MSSU. Current member of LGBT. Founder and previous President of Board of Focus for SW Missouri (social organization for gay and lesbian professionals). Also, previously served on board of PROMO (statewide LGBT rights advocacy organization). Founder and President of Springfield Black Tie (nonprofit organization serving the LGBT community).
Gardner, Steve (Rev.)	623 W. Walnut St., Unit 406 Springfield, MO 65806	417-429-1730	steve.gardner@mchsi.com	Retired from WellPoint, Inc. Currently attending Missouri School of Religion. Previously served on Mayors Comm. on Human Rights and Community Relations, Commissioned Minister in Christian Church Desciples of Christ and current Pastoral Asst. at South Street Christian Church.
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Meyerkord, Lynne	P.O. Box 10322 Springfield, MO 65808	417-860-4126	lynnem@sbcglobal.net	Executive Director of AIDS Project of the Ozarks. Holds a B.A. in Social Work from MSU and an M.A. in Social Work from UMC. Currently serving on Board of Directors for Jordan Valley Community Health Center, Springfield Chamber of Commerce Non Profit Advisory Committee. Previously served on MSU School of Social Work Advisory Committee.
Overton, Michael (Rev.)	2331 E. Edgewood St. Springfield, MO 65804	417-886-3787	moverton@firstspringfield.com	Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church of Springfield. Holds a B.S. from Southern Illinois University and an MDIV from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary from Ft. Worth.

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Smith, Sarah	311 E. Water, Apt 207 Springfield, MO 65806	417-459-0797	sarahsmith2104@yahoo.com	Student at MSU, working on double major in Political Science and Global Studies with minors in Arabic and Broadcast Journalism. Currently serves as President-elect of the College Democrats, Representative for Student Government Association where she also writes weekly blogs and produces weekly videos, and serves as member of Civic Advancement Committee for Student Government at MSU. 2011 Graduate of Leadership Springfield.
Trippe, David	616 E. Loren Springfield, MO 65807	417-865-6333	d.trippe@mchsi.com	Retired Nixa High School English, Speech and Debate Teacher. Holds an M.A. in Humanities from NYU, a B.A. in Communications from State University of NY, and a teaching certificate from SMSU. Currently serving as President of the Irish Festival Assn. Previously served on the Police/Fire Pension Task Force.
Whitaker, Gary	6046 S. Lookout Ridge Ozark, MO 65721	417-839-6200	garywhitaker@417mag.com	Owner/Publisher of 417 Magazine. Holds a B.S. in Journalism from UMC. Past and present boards include Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club of SE Springfield, Springfield Executive Breakfast Club, and Ozarks Literacy Council.
Filbeck, Angela (Alternate)	625 N. Oak Grove Ave.	417-619-3403	apfilbeck@hotmail.com	Employed at Trust Company of the Ozarks. Holds a B.S. in Communication Sciences and Disorders from SMSU, an M.S. in Speech Language Pathology from SMSU, and Masters in Public Administration from MSU. Previous candidate for Associate Greene County Commissioner.